



Report of Accomplishments

Fiscal Year 2005

East Side Soil and Water Conservation District

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Counties Served Bonneville (Snake River east)

Legislative District(s) 31, 32, 33

Function or Conservation District Mission

To deliver natural resource technology and education to promote wise use of natural resources and to promote management practices to ensure a sustainable natural resource base for present and future generations in the East Side Soil & Water Conservation District through a pro-active approach.

Natural Resource Improvements Summary

- 10,158 acres of grazing land received conservation practices to protect the resources.
- 3 cooperators installed 107 water & sediment basins to control erosion and contain sediment from reaching Snake River.
- 835 acres were treated and 215 tons of soil loss was reduced through installation of conservation practices.
- 1284 acres were seeded to permanent vegetation in the USDA Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).



Building Water & Sediment Basins

Conservation District Priority # 1 Water Quality

- 3 landowners applied Best Management Practice (BMP) Conservation Tillage to protect 1993 acres from soil erosion.
- 107 Water & Sediment Basins were installed in the Antelope Creek and Granite Creek WQPA project protecting South Fork of Snake River from sediment.
- Best Management Practice (BMP) Chiseling/Subsoiling was applied to 948 acres to reduce erosion and enhance soil quality.

Conservation District Priority #2 Rangeland

- 6 Spring Developments, 2 wells, and approximately 4000 feet of pipeline were installed for livestock grazing.
- 6 miles of cross fencing was installed for grazing management.

Conservation District Priority # 3 Erosion Control and Wildlife Habitat

- Trout Unlimited through USDA programs EQIP and WRP and District RCRDP grant installed upgrade of irrigation system from diverting water from creek to pivot and installing 8,119 feet of fence to restore Garden Creek for Cutthroat trout habitat.

- 1,928 trees and shrubs and 16,610 feet of fabric weed barrier were installed in several small acreages to protect from wind erosion and enhance wildlife habitat using cost-share funds through USDA Farm Programs the Environmental Incentives Program (EQIP) and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CCRP).

Conservation District Priority # 4 District Operations

- District Chairman met with County Commissioners to express funding needs and concerns.
- District was represented at the Idaho Association of Conservation Districts (IASCD) *Legislative Displays* at the State Capitol.
- Supervisors and Staff attended the annual IASCD Conference to receive training and information necessary to meet the needs of cooperators and carry out effective District programs.

Information & Education/ Public Outreach

- Sponsored Weed Seminar with 55 participants and 3 pesticide recertification credits offered. Industry, Professional, and University presentations.
- Participated in INEEL Science Expo and Water Awareness events targeted for 6th grade students.
- Edited and published a bi-monthly newsletter – articles written on conservation programs/accomplishments, noxious weeds and control methods, special District projects/events.
- Sponsored 2 teams (ten students) to the IASCD Idaho Envirothon competition.

Community Collaboration & Coordination

- District Chair holds membership on Upper Snake BAG
- District is member of Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce – represented on Board of Directors and as Chair of Agriculture Committee.
- Member/Sponsor on High Country Resource Conservation Development (RC&D) Council.
- Participates in the Willow Creek and South Fork WAGs.

Synopsis of Assistance Coordinated for Constituents with Conservation Partners - to plan, design and implement best management practices to protect, enhance, and conserve Idaho's renewable natural resources.

Source	Purpose/Benefit	Funded Amount
Bonneville County	District Operations	\$ 6,000.00
State of Idaho	District Operations	\$ 12,777.00
State of Idaho Water Quality		
Program for Agriculture	Water Quality	\$ 89,676.00
USDA Farm Programs	Conservation	\$ 244,800.00
TOTAL		\$ 353,253.00

Idaho Conservation Districts assisting landowners & operators with their conservation choices

